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PROJECT FACT SHEET

Delaware Bay Oyster Restoration Delaware and New Jersey

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CONGRESSIONAL INFO: Sen. Biden PA, Sen. Carper PA, Rep. Castle DE-AL, Sen. Corzine NJ, Sen. Lautenberg NJ, Rep. LoBiondo NJ-2

<u>AUTHORITY</u>: Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended: Ecosystem Restoration.

LOCATION: The study area includes all of Delaware Bay both New Jersey and Delaware.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The continued existence of a native oyster population which can support even limited commercial fishing is dependent on restoring the natural oyster beds. Placement of oyster and other clam shells back to the oyster seed beds is critical in continued viability of this fishery.

PROJECT STATUS: FY 2005 funds will first be used for preparation of a preliminary restoration plan, which defines the subsequent project. The remaining funds will be spent on the Planning and Design Analysis Phase while will evaluate alternatives, prepare and coordinate an environmental assessment and prepare contracting documents for subsequent construction.

FINANCIAL DATA: BUDGET DATA:

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Est. Federal Cost: TBD FY 05 \$300

Est. Non-Federal Cost: TBD
Total Estimated Cost: TBD

SPONSOR: Delaware River and Bay Authority

<u>CRITICAL ISSUES</u>: Due to the nationwide demand for limited program funds, full funding may

not be possible.

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